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LARGE SUMS OF MONEY INVOLVED

Physicians Have Volunteered Testimony to Armstrong Committee that Practice Has Been in Vogue For Years—Prominent Men Subpoenaed by the New York Legislature.

New York, Sept. 4.—Writing insurance policies for large amounts on persons about to die is the new lead which the Armstrong committee intends to follow in its investigation. The committee has in its possession evidence that extensive fraud was worked in these "graveyard insurance" policies—that the writing of policies for large amounts on persons about to die has been in many companies a common form of insurance bribery.

Physicians have volunteered testimony which will go to prove that this fraudulent practice has been in vogue for many years and the committee has already struck upon a plan which it believes will bring the frauds to light. This plan will involve a comparison of old policies and the company's medical records.

The medical records of policy-holders insured as in good health will also be compared with their history, to see if they died soon after the policy was taken out of any slow or chronic disease.

Despite the return of the loan advanced by the Equitable Life Assurance society to the Depew Improvement company, Senator Chauncey M. Depew will be required to testify in the hearing before the Armstrong investigating committee and to reveal under oath the transactions leading up to the advance to the company which bears his name of \$250,000 upon an amount of security that has since been admitted to have been insufficient.

According to a member of the committee one of the matters that will be brought up is the report that the Equitable and other insurance companies have been called on frequently to contribute largely to the campaign funds.

Subpoena servers have succeeded in serving the principal officers of the Equitable, Mutual, New York Life Metropolitan and Mutual Reserve companies. The committee believes these companies will give counsel for the committee enough to work on for several weeks. Other companies will be investigated later.

It has been decided to take up a single subject and carry the investigation of that subject through each company before taking up another. It is believed that this method will prove the most orderly and will show results quicker than if all the subjects were gone through with each company in turn.

One of the most important of these is the matter of loans. It is desired to clear up the reports of bad financing in this respect, reports which appear to have considerable foundation in the light of former investigations.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable, has sent to Mrs. Henry B. Hyde and Mrs. James W. Alexander formal notification that they would receive no pensions from the company. Both letters contained the form of resolution adopted by the board of directors at its last meeting confirming the order is issued by Mr. Morton the day he was elected chairman of the board, which was that the cashier, Michael Murray, should withhold from Mrs. Hyde the \$25,000 annuity which she has enjoyed for six years.

NEW ORLEANS SITUATION.

New Yellow Fever Cases Gradually Diminishing and the Death Rate Is Very Low.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 5.—Official report to 6 p. m. Sunday: New cases 29; total to date 2,024. Deaths 3; total to date 287. New foci 11. Under treatment 205. Cases discharged 1,432.

For the first time in over a month the number of new cases of yellow fever were in the twenties. With only three deaths compared to 82 deaths on September 3, 1878, the feeling of confidence that the fever is being wiped out is growing. Among the new cases are those of Capt. B. F. Clayton, United States army, quartermaster in charge of this department and City Councilman E. T. Dunn.

The country situation while not what it should be, is improving somewhat though the discovery of new foci causes some anxiety. Despite the rigid regulations, providing for the use of health certificates for people coming here from infected places, it is believed that many persons have succeeded in getting in from some of the country places.

The situation at Patterson, where it was feared the ignorant Italians contemplated trouble, has developed nothing new. No overt act has been committed and it is believed that danger is over.

Carried 27 Miles on Engine Pilot.

St. Louis, Sept. 5.—A special to the Republic from Scallia, Mo., says: Warren Price was found Sunday, unconscious and badly injured, beside the Missouri Pacific tracks near Tipton, having been carried 27 miles in an unconscious condition on an engine's pilot. When revived he said he had been struck by an eastbound train in the outskirts of Scallia and buried on the pilot and knew nothing more until found and revived near Tipton, 27 miles distant. It is believed he will die.

Russo-Japanese Treaty Consisting Of Preamble and 17 Articles Is Completed.

DIFFERENCES STILL TO BE SETTLED

Wording of Protocol of Last Sitting was Still in Dispute Monday—All Concerned are Anxious to Finish the Work and Depart for Their Homes—Correspondents Will Not View the Signing.

Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 5.—From an official source the Associated Press is informed that the treaty is completed. It consists of a preamble and 17 articles, the substance of all of which have been given in the Associated Press dispatches. But there were still differences about the wording of the protocol of the last sitting, which must be signed before the treaty itself can be signed. The Japanese presented a proposal to which the Russians took exception. Mr. De Martens, who is extremely anxious to get back to Russia, has ordered passage on La Lorraine, sailing from New York Thursday, and leaves here on Wednesday.

The plenipotentiaries and the attaches of the two missions seem to be fully as anxious for the certain to ring down on the final act of the drama as the little colony of newspaper correspondents and summer guests who are waiting to be "in at the death."

The Japanese are proving great sticklers for words. They cling tenaciously to their ideas. Careful preparation and methods have been the secret of their successes on land and sea, and in their diplomatic struggles at Portsmouth the same qualities have been displayed.

In the sittings of the conference Baron Komura always stated the Japanese position upon a given point briefly, but with great care, and when Mr. Witte, whose method was entirely different, would try to draw out explanations, he would stick doggedly to the statement he had made. Mr. Witte, a man of affairs, resourceful and talented as he is admitted to be, had his case in his head. He never brought any papers with him. He met everything which came up in an off-hand way, weighing it instantly in his mind, analyzing it, arguing the logic pro and con, and stating his view quite bluntly, never asking for time to consider.

Baron Komura, on the other hand, could with the greatest difficulty be induced to enter into the region of argument. He stuck to the brief before him. Speaking always quite slowly, he would repeat over and over again what he had stated, as if he had learned his lesson by rote. Several times Mr. Witte would say: "Yes, I understand perfectly what you say, but what do you mean, what is your real object?"

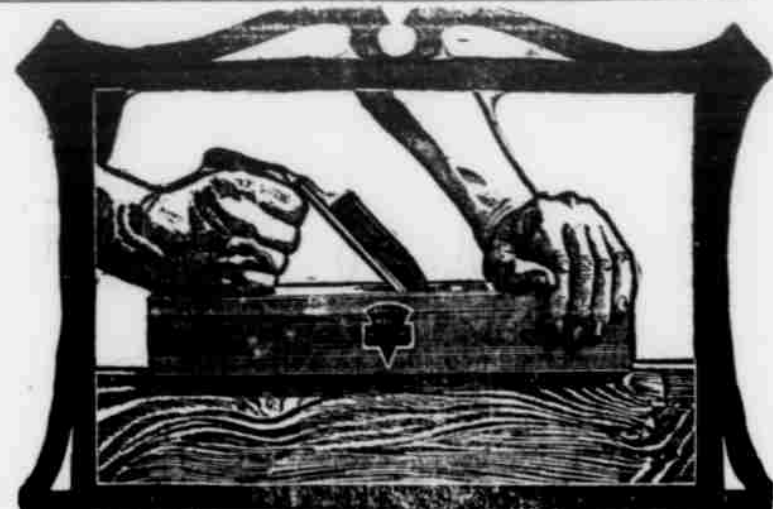
Then Baron Komura would go back and restate his proposition almost exactly as he had done originally. By insisting, insisting, insisting, Baron Komura would sometimes catch Mr. Witte off his guard and provoke him into statements which were always eagerly seized upon. As a final resort Baron Komura was always ready with a written solution of a question and would produce it suddenly, saying: "This is what we propose. What have you got to offer?" Then the value of preparation and foresight was apparent. Mr. Witte seldom had a crystallized counter proposition to make. But on the other hand, whenever Mr. Witte succeeded in leading his adversary into the realm of argument, where previous preparation availed nothing, he had Baron Komura at a disadvantage. One of these

present likened Baron Komura to a horse in "blinders" as long as he was on the beaten road with his work cut out ahead of him, he got along swimmingly, but the instant he was off the road into the woods with the "blinders" removed, he appeared to be confused and lost and hastened back as speedily as possible to the road he had mentally traversed so often and with every foot of which he was familiar.

While a full synopsis of the treaty will be cable to the governments of the two countries, the actual text will not be known at Tokio or St. Petersburg until the plenipotentiaries arrive. Mr. Witte will personally convey the text to St. Petersburg and Baron Komura to Tokio. This is the real reason why both are anxious to get home as soon as possible, as the treaty does not go into force until the two emperors have signed it.

The signing of the treaty is to be a very exclusive affair. The Japanese objected to the presence of any newspaper correspondents or photographers, and it has therefore been decided that beside the plenipotentiaries and secretaries there shall be present only Assistant Secretary Peirce, representing the president; Gov. McLane, of New Hampshire; the mayor of Portsmouth, Admiral Mead, commander of the navy yard, and the commanders of any United States ships in the harbor.

The 17th and concluding article of the treaty provides that the exchange of ratifications shall occur within 50 days after its signature by the plenipotentiaries. The Russian ratification will be communicated to the Japanese government by the French minister at Tokio and Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg will communicate the Japanese ratification to the Russian government.



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** 5	5	49.95	13.32	12.21
** 6	6	17.55	4.68	4.29
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** 3	3	36.45	9.72	6.21
** 4	4	40.50	10.80	6.90
** 5	5	17.55	4.68	2.99
** 6	6	67.50	18.00	11.50
** 7	7	37.80	10.08	6.44
** 8	8	51.30	13.68	8.74

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